SHAKER COLLECTION

Item 350 c2

Harvard July 21. 1850.

Dearly Beloved Bro James,

From you I received a letter dated June 29 Containing some of the good old songs of Zion; fraught with a large supply of love; and in which you make certain enquiries which I will endeavor to answer I was pleased to learn the names and arrangement of your Elders &c.. May they long live to protect, and feed the flocks of the Almighty, to comfort and strengthen the saints on the Mount of Zion. I am well pleased to learn that mob violence in your border, sits in a caves mouth, like old "Pope & Pagan"; so weak, it can neither exert strength, nor stand erect, but can barely grin at, and threaten pilgrims, as they pop into Zion.

In the days of Jesus we have a fair sample of what to expect now, by the events of those times; Johns mission was to prepare the way for Christ. People entered the preparatory work by thousands, but when the real Christ and his work come they were a little more tardy in their movements. When the baptism of water was announced, the rush surprised even the dead Priests and Levites; but for the baptism of fire, they were not quite so eager, and ambitious. When Jesus Christ, began to drive out the Devils, and unclean spirits among the Gergesenes, instead of bringing their own Devils to the funeral pile (Mat 8 34. The whole city came out to meet him and besought him, that he would depart out of their coasts.

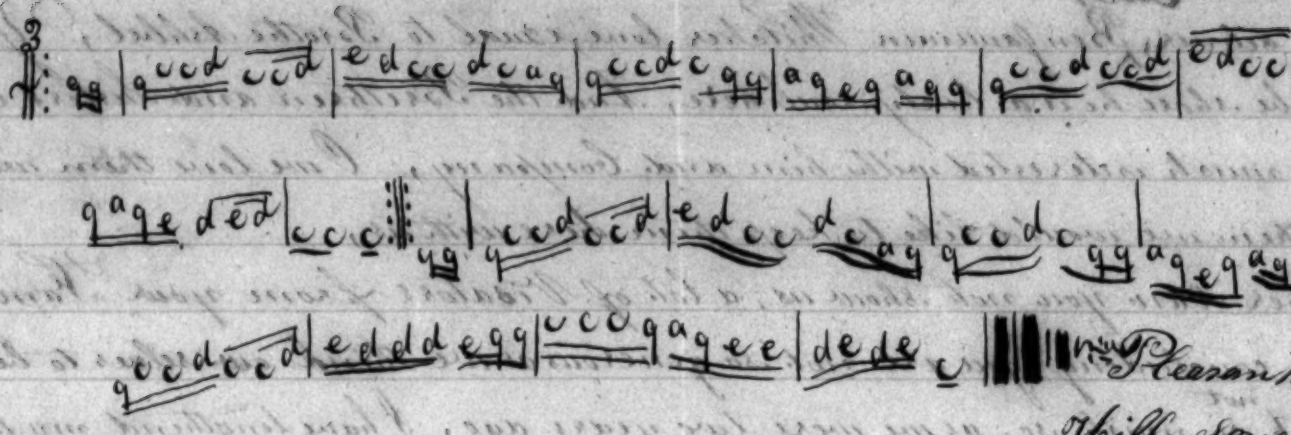
When they Jews first beheld the Messiah, he grew in favor with God and man; and seemed the most lovely among the Sons of men; they saw his power was beyond all human power;

his miricly could neither be comprehended by Egyptian or Jewish Philosiphery; and nothing could stand before the testimony of him who spake as "never man spake". While the lightnings glittered in the heavens they were eager to take him by force and make him their King; but when the thunders began to burst, (not over the heads of the Romans,) but over their own, they loaded him with contempt, and cast him out of their Synagogues. When we look back and we see that the same voices anciently, could cry out Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is he that cometh in the name Lord; and when the current began to set the other way could cry aloud Let him be crucified. By all this we see, that men even the most ferocious and base, may for a season be attracted even by the beauty of truth, and thro all ages we may see, if they do not close in with it, they will turn against it. Respecting New Bedford, our first introduction there was brot about in the following manner. A wealthy man of great influence first introduced us there. His position is a singular one. He has long advocated our faith above board, has circulated our Book, thro that City; has visited eleven different societies of our people. Add to this, the inhabitants of that place, are for some reason which I cannot explain, the most liberal, as a people I ever met. Well, by, and thro. his interception, we have for a year and half opened our testimony at times in the before named Society, well knowing the difficulties of our position. It is true we have given clear explanations of the Fall of Man, The Virgin life; The difference between A Natural and Spiritual Relation, A Community of Intrest, The Second Coming of Christ

in the Female, The Confession of Sin &c. These and other important principles have been delivered before thousands as clear as we could render them. But well knowing that they were a limb of the great body of Antichrist, and at periods of this time have been revivalizing and proselyting, we have endeavord to be as wise as serpents, to own all that would possibly do to own among them, & requesting all to simply give us as good a hearing as they had done our enemies; To believe all that looked like the truth, and obey it if they chose to, and to let alone all they could not understand. At our first visit in 49, 2 Bro., 3 Sisters tarried a fortnight holding daye meetings, in which we delivered quite a full course of lectures, in which many became favorably impresed, and some of them visited us, among them one of their leading members, who became so gathered in feeling, that on his return, he openly advocated our cause in their meetings; this produced uneasinep among them, especially in his family. We have been there since several times, and spoke as plain as before, but we could see that far more caution was visible among them. At one time we had nearly run thro, for the leader above spoken of, grew more distant, and others appeared shy. But 5 months ago they employed a Minister, an uncommon liberal man, of much life and power, who become completely captivated with the Shakers; by his invitation we again advanced our doctrines, sung our Songs, and administered a gospel spirit among them. But at the same time, I could see

for better than he could, how many were secretly opposed
In the light of our union with Elder Dean, the meeting
of which I wrote took place, which brought out our friend
and the opposition of others was not ripe enough to show
itself. I have held one more meeting there since, and
delivered to them a plain testimony of truth, under the
wing of Elder Dean. But our Sun has gone under a
cloud for the present. The influential man I spoke of
still remains our friend, and we share the friendship
of others. But we have since received from some of them,
a civil invitation to preach no more of our doctrine
among them. They are willing for us to come and tell of
the goodness of God, and the mercy of the Redeemer; but
not preach our doctrine, for one of their leaders a rich
traeter whose wife is an honest woman, has received
faith in these doctrines, and he says our doctrinal sub-
jects have become so offensive, that if we again attempt
to advance them, we will meet opposition. They have
also opposed, and flared up so against Elder Deans doings,
that they have frightened him into silence, and great re-
servedness. But we have gathered a few say about 12,
When your letter arrived 5 women were here from
that place, on a visit; 3 of whom united with us, and
the prospect is that others will gather. But they come
like drawing teeth. But we do not mean to feel discour-
aged, for time all thro the Old and New Testaments are taught
enough, respecting a gathering
without taking on discouragement. Dearly beloved
Elders please write us again, when you feel to, and in return
for your communication, we will send you the best news we
have, and plenty of love, Of which article we send you a large
portion, which you will please receive and distribute,

William Leonard




Brother James. I send the above for a Memorable, to you and your company, that visited Pleasant Hill. Your visit was very pleasant and interesting, to us, your countenances bore the image of long crossbearing your love and good feelings, are sown in the hearts of the Brethren and Sisters here, they often speak of the meekness humility and love your spirits were clothed with, And they have the utmost regard for you

We often sing the song, that was given to Brother James at Holy Lima Plains, It seldom fails to bring life and Power in Meeting though we do not always sing it in that beutiful harmonical manner that Brother James sang it in, the saturday night before he left Pleasant Hill. We feel that the spirit of love aand union is growing stronger and stronger, toward Union Village, I never witnessed a more interesting Meeting, than we had on last Sabbath. Brother Ashbel and company filled us to the overflowing, Soon after we entered the Meeting House I felt as thoug they had a strong host entered with us, I said to my self, what does all this mean, Can so few of Brothers faithful crossbearing Children, add so much strength to our Meeting, truly I could see no other reason, perhaps it might be said, the disembodied spirits were there, Could I not Quickly reply have they not been here before, Yet the life and Power was not here, Truly Brother Ashel and Company give your love to the full, They rooled out love beautiful, thoug not verry ceremonious. For that season it took fire Quick, yea it rooled among us like sheets of fire and no engine of satan could stay it, Brother Ashbel is a faithful Messenger to carry love, he has an extraordinary gift to encourage young Believers, Allthoug they are objects we are pretty sarce of, we are not so beautiful blest, as we here you are, I do not think we have any one that

Elder

Could deliver) Benjaminmen Whitaker love, equal to Brothe Ashbel, You
may be shure he is a lively soul here, And the Brethren and Sisters are
verry much interested with him and Company, Owe love them we
bless them in me would like to keep them here with us,
Brother Can you not show us, a lot of Visators from your Family
we are concluding you are not so generous as we think our selves to be or
not
at least so much so, as we were two years ago, I have lengthend my peace
far beyond my expectation, May Love to you and your Lot of Elders

To Brother James McNemer From Susanna Roberts
Our Lot of Elders sends there Loove. To the Lot of Elders at
the second order, From Elder Brother Joel Shields Nathaniel
Willhite, Elder Sister Sophia Davis Charity Bennett

To Elder Brother William Davis James McNemer
Elder Sister Katy Bagwell Betsy Dickson
Eliza Gregory send her best Love To Brother James and Lot
from the second order

N B — Eliza Byram wishes her love to be given in a special manner
to all enquiring friends. She wishes you and your Lot of Elders to receive
a double portion. Sister Mahalah Shepherd also wishes hern to be given in
like manner.

From Pleasant Hill

To Union Village James Menemar.

A letter from Mother to Alcea, written by John Abel.

My dear children I have never forsaken you, but I have guarded you thro all dangers, and I have watched over you day and night, that you might keep the way of God, and now if you will put away all unbelief and labor for my little gifts you shall have them. I will never cease pouring out my blessing upon my faithful children, if they will be watchful to keep the fear of God, and walk in strict obedience to their head, but you must keep every little gift and order, so that when you meet together, you can feel my blessings, but I know this is not always done, sometimes I go with great confidence to help you, and you are so dead and stupid, you can not sense nor feel any thing that we have for you, but I feel greatly incouraged that there has been so much gained as there has, but there is great room for an increase, O my dear children I want you to take warning and never slight my precious gifts and orders any more, for I have bore with that careless indifferent way long enough, my dear children I do not want you to be cast down because I reprove you, for it is because I love you, but like a tender Mother to watch over her children I have ever been, I never have withheld any blessing that I could give you, and I have given every thing to strengthen and incourage you, that you might keep the living way of God. Now my dear children I want you to improve your day and privileges, O you have a better chance to save your souls than any body ever had on this earth before, but now I am sorry to say there are some that do not sense their day and privitege at all, and think to get along with an unthankful ungrateful heart, But says Mother this place shall be a clean place and all such souls will be purged out, I have said it shall be a clean place and I will continue to say it until it really is so, and then my children can rejoice and sing praises to their heavenly Father.

A simple song from Mother Ruth to Denia if Alcea is willing for her to have it.

I'll be a little busy bee —
Gathering honey from every flower
E le san na voo I lan na ve le
I'll work for Mother yea I will
O what a pretty work it is
I will improve my day O yea
Nor stop to linger on the way

A hymn from Mother Lucy to Alcea

Come O come to the fountain
Drink O drink of the living waters
Which is a flowing to Mothers children
Free free free as the waters
Ha san na voo ha
Vi ve ven an sa la
Vi le san na voo
Li le san na voo vane
Come O come and never fear
For I will guard you safely thro

Here is a glass plate with a ball of sugar on it for Alcea from John Abel with my everlasting love

Father William Father James Joseph F. Job and F. David. Mother Ann Mother Lucy and Mother Ruth, were present when this was written and send their love in these words. By the cross the crown is gained.

To Alcea Patterson

Family Expences paid by the Sisters at the North family in the year 1867.

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| Lamps for the meeting room | 1 | 00 |
| Stove pipes for the nurse-room loft | 16 | 80 |
| Changing a sewing machine | 13 | 20 |
| For a wash Mill | 13 | 00 |
| Oil cloth Carpeting | 64 | 00 |
| Nineteen Palmleaf hats | 5 | 70 |
| Oakleys washing Soap | 6 | 60 |
| Gave for Suspenders & Spectacles | 12 | 12 |
| Ayawam bill of yarn | 16 | 76 |
| Baskets made to Hancock | 1 | 00 |
| For the Jippies Baskets | 6 | 25 |
| Coloring two pieces of Drab cloth, blue | 5 | 00 |
| White cotton cloth, of Mosley | 67 | 29 |
| Expence to Hartford, mostly for cloth | 64 | 14 |
| Four pieces D. Parkers calico | 37 | 21 |
| Brethrens Summer ware from Lebanon | 64 | 10 |
| David Parker mixed | 63 | 42 |
| One piece of Bed ticking | 13 | 75 |
| Sewing Silk and twist 15,50. Thread 4.00. | 19 | 50 |
| For Emma, Ellen, Lucy and Emma's teeth | 37 | 50 |
| Hestell Morgan 5.00. Sarah Simpson 5.00 | 10 | 00 |

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| The colored Doctoress | 16 | 00 |
| Doctor Rising of Suffield | 2 | 00 |
| Emeline H. for downed fans | 6 | 66 |
| Fresh fish and Oysters | 12 | 30 |
| Newels pain reliever | 3 | 04 |
| Expence to Haggardsville | 13 | 75 |
| Paper for the cheese house | 5 | 60 |
| Glass jars for preserves | 14 | 00 |
| For shoes and yarn of Sophia Hale | 2 | 50 |
| Thermometers, Bulbs, Locks and keys. | 4 | 45 |
| Plating fluid | 1 | 00 |
| Coughs medicine | 1 | 00 |
| Yeast . . . . | 1 | 24 |
| Sundry other articles | 14 | 34 |
| Whole Amount of Expence. M & A.G. | $ 653. | 76. |

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| Money in Springfield Bank | $ 10,000 | |
| Moodeys Note on Interest | 300 | |
| Money on hand | 76 | |
| Money lent to Omar | 500 | |

Note we find the following in old faded writing and read as copy

"From Jenny McNamars journal"

"April 11th 1825 Father's last interview with the Elders

This evening Father sent for the Elders of the Centre family and Brick House to come to his room He was very low yet he was able to set up a little He spake to us with a broken heart and with tears to this effect "Come in good friends come in I felt a strong desire to see you all and speak to you a little before I leave you You are all called to be elders and leaders of the people as well as I and you have to be united to be of one heart You have to keep the gospel for yourselves as well as I and

[illegible] grace to a lost world,
inasmuch as this [illegible] golden period commenced
with the last and noblest work of creation viz. a
spiritual Mother, a second Eve, whose heaven born
species, as an order, can never die, and of the increase
of whose [illegible] government and peace, no end.

That those sublime ideas should attach to
this little United Society, is indeed a paradox to a
vain and wicked world; so let us leave them to com-
ment on the letter, and on our part, simply recog-
nize the facts as far as they come under our observa-
tion. I think this is the worst letter
the 3 brethren have ever sent to all copy

6 Monday Aug 15 1814

Brother Peter Peake & Sister
Martha Stanford to South Union
returned to Jessamine Village Aug.
3rd 1813

5 Thursday Aug 4 1814

The Business Society Left Ab
to return to Bussaron, afterwards called West Union

# SHAKER COLLECTION

Item 350 c3

The word of the Lord God who
ruleth over Heaven and Earth, who by
his Almighty Power judgeth all things ac-
cording to his own righteous Will and judg-
ment. — Read from his Book of Holy
judgments Law. by a holy angel of divine
Light, Power and Wisdom from His
Eternal Throne

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Copied Nov. 25th 1841

Words of Father William.
to the Writer.

Arise, O thou Chosen instra-
ment and in the fear of God

and that holy anointing power which thou hast received from thy holy Lead: write the words which the Holy Angel is about to read.

Write it correctly and alter not one word. Bow low thy spirit, and let thy mortal hand move in strict obedience to Gods will; then shalt thou receive His Blessing.

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Words read by the Holy angel of divine Light, Power and Wisdom from the Eternal Throne of God.

O ye inhabitants of Zion upon earth: Ye who speak the name of God; ye who offer up praises to his holy name; listen

to the word of the Lord your God. who dwelleth on high who ruleth over Heaven and earth: who knoweth and judgeth all things, to the endless ages of eternity.

Hear ye: O hear ye my word: for my word I speak; my Law I give: my will I do; my work I finish. I am the Lord your God. I am that I am, and alter not. Therefore ye inhabitents of Zion, fear and tremble before my almighty power.

O ye vain mortals! how dare ye judge my work? How dare ye judge the word that I speak unto you? Know ye that judgement is mine, and I will repay

with a righteous judgment; for I am the Lord your God, who sleep not. Cut diligently search the hearts of my people.

And ye who head not ~~they~~ ~~solemn~~ word; ye who head not the solemn warnings of your God; but still abide in your own reasonings and judgments beware, O beware, lest ye fall victims to my wrath, and are smitten by a stroke of my Almighty hand. For the long forbearance, the long charity and mercy of your God will have an end;

Ye who dig deep to hide from mine eyes the wickedness and abominations of your hands and hearts; ye who bring not to the light your

evil ways and doings, in presence of my chosen witnesses. remember, I the Lord your God, mark you with a mark of my wrath and indignation; and whether it be in time or in eternity ye shall, sooner or later, suffer the vengeance of my Almighty power, and feel the rod of my truth and justice.

O ye Children of my Zion! Ye who inhabit the dwellings that have been consecrated to the Lord your God; long have I seen the crooked and deceitful workings of your hearts, in striveing to cover from mine eyes, and hide from my chosen Witnesses, your secret abominations, and willful transgressions,

of my holy and sacred Laws.
Long, yea Long have I the Lord your God seen that holy and sacred Order of confessing sin in the presence of my chosen witnesses, slighted and trampled upon by the deceitful wicked and unclean, that inhabit the holy dwelings of my people, — Yea, times and times, repeatedly have I seen the hypocrite, with a lying tongue come in my presence before my chosen witnesses, and thus treat that holy and sacred order that I have given, whereby all souls are to find salvation from sin, and be owned and accepted by me their God in Heaven

Therefore do I speak my word

unto you, and send unto you my holy Law, in regard to that holy and sacred order of Confessing sin: - And if ye give heed thereunto, then I will be your God and ye shall be my people.

Hear ye therefore O ye Chosen people, my Statutes and my Laws; I am the Lord your God, the God of heaven and earth (and above me there is none) And thus shall it be. All ye indwellers of my Zion, and all ye that have been called by my sacred Gospel, and have received faith and understanding thereof, if by the powers of the Evil one ye are overcome and do commit sin, or willfully transgress, and break

any of the sacred Laws given for my chosen people; then shall ye come before me your God, in presence of my Witnesses, and bow your spirits and lay your bodies low, even to the dust, and these bring to Light the sin or sins ye have committed, one by one, even at the time and place wherein they were commited. — Then shall ye humbly ask the mercy and favor of the Lord your God, and of these my witnesses. And if ye possess a broken heart & a heart of true repentance, then shall these my witnesses speak words of comfort unto you; and the sin shall be forgiven you.

But if ye possess not a heart of true repentance, then shall ye go your way and labor in deep tribulation of soul, until ye have gained that measure which will enable you to see the depth of your loss. — — Hearken, O hearken yet again; for my word is not finished, and I the Lord your God, see not as man seeth, and my word endureth forever and ever and altereth not.

Therefore here ye my word. One day in each year, shall ye consecrate and wholey devote to this, the sacred and Holy order of the Lord your God, in cleansing your hands and purifying your hearts

from all that defileth my holy sanctuary, and every thing that is offensive in my sight.

Ye shall rise at the fourth hour in the morning; and on the fifth hour ye shall meet together in your places of holy worship; ye shall bow low as ye enter, and there in humble prayer and fervent supplication shall ye beseech the Lord your God to draw nigh with his arm of protection. ye shall perform no labour with your hands, save that which is really necessary & needful.

Ye shall not frequent the places of your temporal employ-

ment: but ye shall gather to gather in your dwellings, and there diligently search your hearts, and prepare your selves to give a correct account to the Lord your God, in the presence of my chosen witnesses, of all your ways and doings. Ye shall eat not but pure bread which by mine own hand was given for the main support of mortality; and ye shall drink naught but pure water, which flows from the fountain of my blessing.

And if it be on your Lords day which is the first day, ye shall not assemble to go forth in any manner of sacred worship, but you may

gather to gather in your sacred places, and sound forth in solmen praise, in songs of prayer and supplication to your God, the sincere and devoted feelings of your souls.

And ye shall see that those blessings with which ye are blest for my bridal creation, are delt unto them prudently and sparingly.

And it shall be a day of holiness unto the Lord your God. Even as your heavenly Father, will draw nigh unto my People.

Then shall ye come in my presence, before my chosen witness and, expose every secret thought, word and action, that is offensive in my sight according to

my word, and as I have given in my law.

But if ye have not sinned nor willfully transgressed any of my sacred laws, then go ye before my witnesses, and humbly ask their blessing, and there make known the true state of your soul, exposing every wrong, and careless transgression, and all that brings condemnation upon the soul.

Then shall ye receive that flow of my blessing and power that will enable you to feel deep tribulation for other souls yet bound in sin. — And on the following day at the fifth hour in the morning, shall ye again assemble.

together, in the holy places where ye meet to worship the Lord your God, and offer up praises and thanksgiving to my holy and eternal Name, for the way and means which in my Eternal Wisdom, I have provided for all souls to find redemption from sin, and again find acceptance by Me, their Holy and Eternal God the Creator of all.

And now, O ye people! ye have heard my word, and my Law; and if ye give heed there unto, well shall it be with you, in the days of my mighty judgments which hasteneth on upon the wicked.

O ye Holy Anointed, my
Chosen Ones! This my word
I have finished, and this I send
unto you; and by that holy pow-
er and judgment which ye have
judge ye this my word.
And as ye, in your wisdom,
see fit, do ye even with this
my word.

I am the Lord your God,
and ye abide in my love and
blessing.

Amen.

The following Letter from Father William to Eld. brother Amaziah Clark, was transcribed from a spiritual copy, by a Visionist, Sept. 13th 1841.

From Father William,

Enfield Sept 11th 1841.

To Elder Brother Amaziah Clark.

From Father William to Eld. brother Amaziah Clark.

O my beloved child, I send this kind Letter to you from my heart. For I do love you. I have seen you many times in great tribulation and feeling as much as you could bear. You have truly been a faithful watchmen upon the walls of Zion to guide and protect the lovely children that were placed under your care. You have walked in true obedience to your beloved lead, and you have bowed in thankfulness and humble prayer to God your Heavenly Father, and that he would help you and give you wisdom, power and strength to direct your spirit aright in all things. Yea, truly says Father you have been a true child of God and have bore your cross in cheerfulness; yea, and have kept your spirit meek and low walking in the lovely path which your loving Saviour and Mother trod. Yea, I have heard you teaching the youth and children to love and serve the Lord and to be honest to confess all wrong and to speak the truth where ever they go and use no deceit. you have taught them to be obedient and obey the precious orders let them be ever so small, then they would be protected and find comfort peace and blessing on their way.

Your spirit is near to me, I love you, I will bless you, I will call you my beloved Jewel of Christ, one who has walked with me in great tribulation and sufferings. I have known it all the way since you set out to obey the everlasting gospel of truth that you have been honest just and true to the cause which you have undertaken. Nay, nay you have not flinched, but you have followed the Lamb

whither soever he goeth in simplicity and meekness. You have put on the whole armour of God, and fought your battle through all trials that you have had to meet with, yea, wearing the yoke of Christ with meekness and lowness of heart. Be not discouraged I will never leave you nor forsake you I will support you and strengthen you now in your feeble state of health. For I do want to have you stay a little longer here to help my dear children, who are very near to me.

This I can say to you that you will not loose the reward of your labours in time nor in Eternity. You will receive heavenly blessings and gospel Love to comfort you, whilst you are passing through the journey of life, and when you have done with all things here below you will have a happy mansion and their to dwell with your Beloved Parents in Heaven says Father to you my beloved child. Yea, it will be said of you that you have come out of great tribulation and washed your Robe and made it white by the blood of the Lamb. Well done good and faithful Servant enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.

Be cheerful now my lovely child
I'll bless you I will bear you through
For you do keep your spirit mild
Sweet blessing I will give to you.

Farewell in Love.

You may receive the Love of your Blessed Saviour, And Mother Ann, also the Love of Father James, Mother Lucy, Mother Sarah and many others.

Visionist, Mary D. Russel.

Ps. Mother Ann sends a verse to you as a token of Love

Your Loving Mother says to you
I have prepar'd a Crown for you
When you have done with time below
A Robe you'll have that's white as snow.
Be cheerful in this pretty way
My Love I'll give to you I say
And lovely Gifts that's flowing free
To ever cheer and comfort thee.

Ps. Mother Hannah Kendall sends a verse to you as a token of her kind Love.

O what comfort peace and blessings
Is a flowing now to you
Lovely Presents here are given
Mother's treasures ever new.
Gospel manna gospel union
Is for you my gospel child
Soon you'll join in sweet communion
Yea your spirit is truly mild.

Visionist, Mary S. Russel.